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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 5237th meeting, held in private on 27 July 2005, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Letters dated 26 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/485 and S/2005/489)'.

"Before the agenda was adopted, the representative of the Russian Federation requested that the agenda be put to a vote. The representatives of China and the United Kingdom made statements.

"The President put the request of the Russian Federation to a vote.

"The request received nine votes in favour, five against (Algeria, Benin, China, the Russian Federation and the United Republic of Tanzania) and one abstention (Brazil).

"The agenda was adopted.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Zimbabwe to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Human Settlements Issues in Zimbabwe.

"The members of the Council heard a briefing by Mrs. Tibaijuka.

"The representative of Zimbabwe made a statement.

"Mrs. Tibaijuka responded to questions from members of the Council."

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